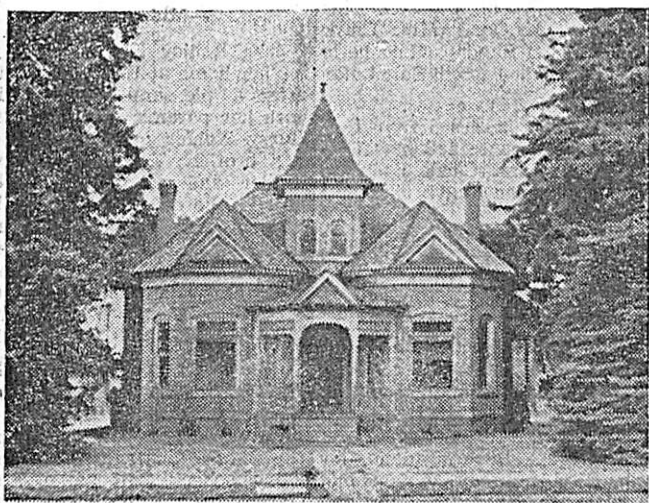


Hatch House Placed on National Register



The Abram Hatch home has been placed in the National Register of Historic Sites. The mansion has been purchased by Zions First National Bank and will be renovated and used as the site of the Heber Branch of the bank.

The house was built by Abram Hatch of Heber City, circa 1892. The large, 50 x 86 foot, one and a half story, structure is predominantly of native materials. It stands well back on a large lot at the northwest corner of Center Street and First East in Heber City, facing to the south, with two enormous spruce trees flanking the front of the house.

THE WALLS ARE OF A light red, trimmed sandstone, quarried east of Heber City. The steep roof is of red cedar shingles with detailed pattern in the tower roof.

The house provided for his large family, for entertaining distinguished visitors, and, in the large southeast room, his office as religious, legislative, civic and business leader of the community.

The facade is symmetrical with the spindled entrance porch at the center flanked by the large bay windows set in the

firm sandstone outer walls of the parlor to the left and the office, with its own entry off the porch to the hip lines above the front rooms, to the gable across the house, to the flat center roof and again to the front in the tower roof rising above the thin chimneys at either side.

FROM THE PORCH, paneled double doors open to a vestibule and then, through another set of double doors with etched glass panes, into the center hallway running to the rear, with doorways of carved framing and paneled doors to the parlor and the office. Both the parlor and office have tile faced fireplaces set off by carved wood, with mirrors above. In the office is a great carved bookcase with sliding glass doors. Further back in the house to the left is the sitting room, and to the right, the dining room, with each with its bay window to its side of the house. To the rear of the sitting room are two bedrooms. To the rear of the dining room is the kitchen. Between bedrooms and kitchen is a bath. A rear entry porch is to the rear of the kitchen.

A SUBSEQUENT, BUT early construction, added a wash area and storage rooms to the rear of the kitchen and rear entry porch.

From the hallway, the stairs start at a carved newel post and go up, with handrail doweled to the spindles, up to the upper hallway, which also runs lengthwise in the house. There are six bedroom and a bath in the gable-and-dormer-windowed upper floor. The upper windows of the center rooms are outlined in vari-colored stained glass. The original patterned carpeting still remains on the upper bedroom floors.

THE BUILDING IS FACED with salmon colored sandstone, carefully cut and chipped in size for uniformity of height in each course. The stone lintels and sills of each window and door are exactly trimmed. On the interior, the doors and windows are framed in fine carved woodwork.

The house has a studiness of materials and a simplicity without being plain. Its detail gives it character.

Built during the same era of the opulent houses of the mining tycoons, as seen along East South Temple Street in Salt Lake City, this house, a day's trip away by horse and wagon, was built for the man of prominence in the small town—in a more direct style.

The cut and etched glass of the main floor windows, the stained glass of the upper floor windows, the carefully done wood paneling and fireplace details, the light touch of spindles in the railings and overhead on the porches; all indicate a man

of taste and stature. The plan of the house, the quality of craftsmanship expressed in the cut, chip and trim of the stonework and the detail of the woodwork, are an expression of that plan in putting the various elements together.

This house is indigenous and unique and particularly expressive in the straightforward development of the site and structure.

BUILT CIRCA 1892 by Abram Hatch of Heber City, pioneer, long-time church leader and legislator, frieghter, farmer, rancher, merchant, miller, businessman, and community builder.

He desired a fine house for his family and for social and official functions he conducted as a religious, government and civic leader.

He had built the Wasatch Co. Courthouse while probate judge (county commissioner), the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle, as stake president, The A. Hatch & Co. General Merchandising store, canals, farms, ranches, creamery, tannery and flour mill.

IN BUILDING HIS HOME he determined to use the finest of materials, secure the best of craftsmen and, by his own supervision, assure quality of construction in predominantly local materials.

He conducted the first banking activity in the valley in his adjacent A. Hatch & Co. general merchandise store, as expressed in an early day notice of meeting to stockholders "As there is no bank in this place, it is common for some people to leave money in our care. It varies in amount but never gets to a point which we cannot pay it on call."

Owners:

Abram Hatch	1892-1911
Ruth Wooley Hatch	1911-193-
Estate of Ruth	
Wooley Hatch	193 -193
Annie Coleman	193 -195
Harold H. Smith	195 -1971
Albert W.	

